The Dewan observed that he would have no objection to take up the discussion on the Miller Committee Report first, provided the majority of members were for it.

Mr. Abbas Khan suggested that the regular subjects might be taken up from 12 noon to 3 P.M. and the discussion on the Miller Committee Report might be taken up after 3-30 P.M. Most of the members were in favour of this suggestion and it was thereupon decided that the discussions on the Miller Committee Report might be taken up after 3-30 P.M.

GENERAL SUBJECTS.

FINANCIAL.

(*Nos. 1 to 8.*)

SUBJECT NO. 1.

Opening of Telegraph Offices in all taluk headquarters.

Mr. C. Venkataramaiya, Channarayapatna Taluk.

Mr. C. Venkataramaiya.—This subject has been discussed on many occasions and till now no action has been taken. When the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs was addressed, he replied, that there were no materials for opening as many telegraph offices as were possible. People, especially merchants who live in taluk headquarters, are put to much inconvenience and loss for want of telegraph facilities. They are unable to know the current rates of food stuffs in other parts and are compelled to sell their food grains at a much cheaper rate than that prevailing elsewhere. In order that these distressing circumstances might be rectified, I would strongly urge the opening of Telegraph Offices in all taluk headquarters as early as convenient.

Dewan.—The Government fully realise the inconvenience felt by the people for want of telegraph facilities. There is a lack of telegraph materials just now and when they are available, such of the taluk headquarters as are absolutely in need of these facilities, will be given the first preference. A list of 12 taluks to which telegraphic connection should be given as early as practicable has been prepared and sent to the British Postal Department.

A few other speakers supported the proposition. Mr. Karnick Krishna Murthi Rao pointed out that Magadi was not included in the list referred to in the reply.

SUBJECT NO. 2.

Fixed allowance in lieu of Travelling Allowances.

Mr. Yellappa Setty, Tarikere Municipality.

Mr. Yellappa Setty.—A fixed allowance may be given to officers of Government in lieu of the present Travelling Allowances.

Dewan.—If a fixed allowance is given in lieu of Travelling Allowances, many of the officers will not have sufficient inducement to do much of touring work, thus